

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-40. (canceled)

41. (currently amended): Accessory or component or actuating parts for or of musical instruments comprising said parts being made at least partially from titanium or a titanium alloy ~~GRADE grade~~ 5 or from a titanium alloy having material number 3.7165 or 3.7164, the titanium and the titanium alloy, respectively, being in a cast, forged or sintered form and the parts being coated with at least one hard layer made of at least one of ~~WC/C (tungsten carbide-carbon)~~ tungsten carbide carbon (WC/C), WC tungsten carbide (WC), CrC (chromium carbide) chromium carbide (CrC) and CrN (chromium nitride) chromium nitride (CrN), in the course of a physical application process, and/or that a hard layer made of titanium nitride is formed on or applied to the parts, said at least one hard layer being made by depositing or applying the hard layer to the parts.

42. (previously presented): Parts according to claim 41 wherein, for coloring, the surfaces of the parts are electroplated and/or coated with platinum, gold or rhodium or anodized, respectively.

43. (previously presented): Parts according to claim 41 wherein the parts are subjected to a thermal treatment or are hardened thermally.

44. (previously presented): Parts according to claim 41 wherein the parts are formed by machining.

45. (previously presented): Parts according to claim 41 wherein the titanium and the titanium alloy, respectively, have a density of about 4.42 g/cm³ and a tensile strength of at least 820 N/mm².

1 46. (previously presented): Parts according to claim 41 wherein the parts
2 comprise at least one of:
3 a fine tuner for string instruments, in particular the
4 screw connection part and/or knurled nut and/or lever and/or knurled screw and/or
5 microscrew thereof,
6 a string ball,
7 a tailpiece fastener and/or a fixing part for a tailpiece fastener,
8 a wolf eliminator, in particular the screw sleeves thereof,
9 a peg, preferably a peg for string instruments, in particular a peg shaft,
10 a tuning peg, in particular for keyboard instruments, harp, zither, dulcimer and
11 raffele,
12 a mouthpiece for brass instruments,
13 a bridge pin, in particular for keyboard instruments,
14 a string for string instruments,
15 a fret, in particular for plucked instruments,
16 a sound piece for brass instruments and a bell mouth, respectively, for hooters,
17 signal-horns or horns,
18 a chin holder screw, in particular for violin and viola,
19 a plectrum, in particular for plucked instruments,
20 a mechanism for plucked instruments, in particular contrabasses,
21 a trombone slide,
22 a valve for brass instruments,
23 a lamina, in particular for vibraphone or metallophone,
24 a tongue for harmonicas, in particular accordions and mouth organs, and for
25 musical clocks and automatic pianos, respectively,
26 a sheet or tone sheet, respectively, preferably for woodwind instruments or
27 saxophone,
28 a bridge support, in particular for string instruments,

29 a mute for string instruments,
30 a bow winding for a string bow,
31 an organ pipe,
32 a face for a string bow,
33 a tailpiece or tailpiece sleeve, respectively,
34 a thumb ring,
35 a bottleneck, in particular for plucked instruments,
36 a frog and/or a button for a string bow as well as a frog, a ring, a gusset or a
37 button ring,
38 a bell,
39 a bassoon tube,
40 a tuning fork,
41 a tuning pipe,
42 an endpin for string instruments,
43 a button for string instruments,
44 a bridge for plucked instruments,
45 a saddle for plucked instruments,
46 a tailpiece for string instruments, and
47 valves for wind instruments.

1 47. (previously presented): Parts according to claim 41 wherein the parts are
2 entirely made from titanium or titanium alloy.

1 48. (currently amended): Parts according to claim 41 wherein the ~~GRADE~~
2 grade 5 titanium alloy is TiAl6V4.

1 49. (canceled)

1 50. (currently amended): Parts according to claim 41 wherein the physical
2 application process comprises a Physical Vapor Deposition (PVD) process.